

VOL 31, NO 19.

COKE MARKET
REMAINS FIRM.Continues to Grow in Strength
of Output Each Week
Now.

CAR SHORTAGE HANDICAP

Large Number of Cars Being Supplied
by Railroads But More of Them
Could Be Used in the Trade—Specu-
lating on 1910 PricesTHE STATISTICS
SUMMARIZED.

PRODUCTION

For the week ending Saturday, No-
vember 1, 1909.

Districts Open In Out Tons

C. & L. 214 214 287 287 441

L. & C. 146 146 145 145 288

Totals 29180 29180 11149 11149

Manufactured by

District Consumer Market

C. & L. 120 120

L. & Connellsville 666 1422

Totals 28144 1714

Production Previous Week

Districts Open In Out Tons

C. & L. 214 214 291 291 748

L. & C. 146 146 1341 1341 748

Totals 360 360 525 525

Manufactured by

District Consumer Market

C. & L. 874 874 144 144

L. & Connellsville 874 874 117 117

Totals 172 172 261 261

SHIPMENTS

Aggregate from both regions in cars

for week ending Saturday, No-
vember 1, 1909.

To Pittsburgh 154

West of Pittsburgh 84

East of Connellsville 91

Total 140

SHIPMENTS Previous Week

To Pittsburgh 701

West of Pittsburgh 865

East of Connellsville 740

Total 1296

(For complete tables of ovens in blast
in both regions see pages 2 and 3)Consumed growth and firmness were
features of the coke trade last week.
The trade moved up over 3,000 tons
in production and the shipments in-
creased 168 cars. Improvement in
conditions were marked all along the
line in the trade, bettering conditions
being evidenced at all the plants. As
the figures indicate the car supply
was very large but save a hundred
more cars could have been used in
the trade. Several small concerns
shipping coke were cut off from their
usual car supply and this coupled with
colder weather made the demand for
coal even stronger. Cars were short
along the Monongahela railroad but
agents of the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie
state that they have a sufficient sup-
ply and are loaning other roads up-
wards of 500 cars per day. The Penn-
sylvania agents also contend that they
have a sufficient number of cars. The
greatest shortage appears to be on the
B & O lines. On the latter motive
power is lacking and some of the bus-
iness has had to be turned over to other
roads. Many new cars are ar-
riving in the region and are assisting
in relieving the shortage which has
not as yet reached the most serious
stage. Agents at all the roads are
making every effort to keep the cars on
the move and both the roads and
the buyers are doing their best to
cope with the situation.Some nervous feelings existed
by buyers for their needs. As
yet but few open ovens have come in
to longer time entries than covering
the balance of the year. The op-
erators do not as yet feel fully
certain what the price will be at
the first of the year and consumers
apparently do not feel so sure of their
ground either. It is a question that
has involved them in a debatable
one. Operators want \$30 for their
 coke for the balance of the year and
have a feeling that it may probably
be worth more than this figure. The
consumers are undecided as to whether
it is good business policy to con-
tract on \$30 or \$10 for the first six
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CONNELLSVILLE REGION NOTES.

NOTES FROM OTHER REGIONS.

W. G. Wilkins the well known mining engineer, with offices in the Westinghouse building, Pittsburgh, anticipates that 1910 will be an extremely busy year in his line of work. Mr. Wilkins, he says, expects to receive an order for a large plant in the Connellsville region, some parts of the country, some of which are in the Connellsville region.

The Dunlap Connellsville coke company has about completed the installation of a compressor plant at Garwood works on the M. R. R. at Simpson Station, and has installed two pumping machines for the mining of coal. The compressor will enable the company to run about 100 feet of each drift at 800 feet elevation. This is made necessary by the shortage of miners and the new mining law.

A new coke plant is being built by the White Coal Company on the Union branch of the Pennsylvania line, being pushed as rapidly as circumstances will permit. Delays in getting miners will cause the inability of the company to secure prompt delivery of coal for the rail and bridge which is being constructed to connect the plant with the Union line.

President John F. Brennan of the Union Connellsville Coke Company is making arrangements to move the plant which is a large and growing operation in the Lower Connellsville coke region. The company has made important improvements in its equipment and installations and improvements that are being made in the region. Mr. Brennan's new home at the company's offices in the Diamond Bank building, Pittsburgh.

General Manager Thomas McCaffery of the Brier Hill Coke Company has planned to do all the construction work of the new coke plant on the site of the old plant following the sale of the company of connecting a large part of his steel plant.

General demand for pit timber continues strong and it is difficult to get prompt delivery of all mine timber, now being sold at 100 cents per cord. The stocks have been cleaned up. Delays in putting the mine subject to the whim of timber men are subject to the whim of timber men. In addition, timber is being cut out of timber roads, the implication is that there will be a serious scarcity of pit timber during the winter.

General Manager John Whittaker of the Connellsville iron works reports business booked him for several months and the company is strong enough to meet an additional 1,000 tons under construction for the purpose of increasing its output. The company has recently raised some new money to construct its shops and for the purpose of building such plants more conveniently and cheaply if now built a large new steel frame.

President John Lynch of the Union Supply Company, who has been a constant visitor to the iron works, is expected to return to his home in Uniontown the latter part of the week.

Frank P. Trusdale, special agent for the Pennsylvania railroad, is stepping lively these days under the vigilance of business which is paying off in the report. Mr. Fox said that no funds are necessary to keep the office open a day Saturday which ordinarily is a half holiday among railroad people and this day has become one of the busiest in the week for him. Thus far there has been no general shortage of cars although some have been taken out of service. Both the Pittsburgh Coal Company and the Monongahela River Coal and Coal Company have every man in operation.

GREENE COUNTY COAL ASSESSMENT IS HIGH

The First Assessor Reporting Has Raised Valuations of Coal Lands Three Fold

WAYNESBURG Nov. 17.—D. K. Fox of Mt. Morris is the first assessor of the county to complete the work of marking the triennial assessment and registration. Mt. Morris is one of the smaller districts of the county.

According to the report filed the Borough of Mt. Morris this year contains 112 resident taxables, the value of real estate is \$111,707.00, the 60 houses at valued it \$2,975.00 at interest \$17.40. Mr. Fox found 57 houses in the borough.

Three years ago the value of the real estate in the borough was assessed at \$11,655.

The principal cause for the change in these figures was the value of the coal in the coal. Three years ago the coal in the borough was assessed at \$40 per acre, while this year Mr. Fox has assessed the black diamonds at \$12.75 per acre. The money at interest and tax was given at \$11,650.

GIGANTIC STRIKE.

Planned For Two Weeks When Officials Are Jailed

PHILADELPHIA Nov. 16.—Plans for a general strike by wage workers throughout the country for a period of two weeks, beginning on the day the officers of the American Federation of Labor are imprisoned for contempt of court were inaugurated here today at a meeting of the Central Labor Union.

Resolutions to this effect were unanimously adopted by the union which represents about 75,000 workers in many lines of employment in this city.

Copies of the resolutions were sent to the convention of the American Federation of Labor, now in session in Toronto, Canada and it was decided to appoint a committee of five in this city to perfect plans by which organized and unorganized wage workers may unite to make the strike effective.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—ONE MINE VENTILATING UNIT consisting of fan and engine. Fan 10 inches in diameter by 5 1/2 feet wide, 5 inch shaft. Little engine 14 inches in diameter by 20-inch stroke, 1 inch shaft, 1 inch by 10 inch fly wheel. Further information on application to the superintendent of the PENN GAS COAL CO., Irwin, Pa.

The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company has placed orders with the Standard Steel Car Company, a Butler, Pa. for 700 steel hopper coal cars, 40 feet long, 8 feet wide, 8 feet high, 40 inch wheel, 8 inch shaft, 10 foot by 7 inch fly wheel. Further information on application to the superintendent of the PENN GAS COAL CO., Irwin, Pa.

The River Coal Company has sold its Union mine and it will be under the superintendence of W. N. Biggs of the B. C. C. Co. who was the new superintendent of the Monongahela mine. The mine was practically worked out, but the new owner can now work some back coal through the old openings.

LIST OF COKE OVENS IN

The Connellsville District

With Their Owners, Address and Ovens in Blast Corrected to Saturday, Nov. 13, 1909.

Owner	In Blast	Name of Works	Name of Operators	P. O. Address
2	2	Acme	W. J. Haining	New York, N. Y.
3	2	Albion	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburgh
35	2	Albion No 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburgh
101	2	Albion No 2	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburgh
30	2	Atlas No 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburgh
36	2	Atlas No 2	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburgh
38	2	Baugh	Mt. Pleasant Coke Co.	Greensburg
125	2	Beauty	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Uniontown
126	2	Benton	W. J. Haining	Pittsburgh
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OLD LAUREL HILL CHURCH HISTORY.

Rev. J. B. Reed Has Been
Pastor Over Twenty
Years.

WORK HE HAS ACCOMPLISHED

Many Sons of the Church Have Gone
Out and Done Well in the World—
It is the Oldest Church West of the
Allegheny Mountains

Dr J B Reed Sunday gave a
synopsis of the work of the Laurel Hill
Presbyterian Church of which he has
been pastor 21 years, having taken
charge there November 14, 1888.

Laurel Hill is the oldest church west
of the mountains it having been es-
tablished in the year 1776. The
preachers that have preached at the
church are First Rev. Dimley, sec-
ond Rev. Guthrie, third Rev. Joel
Stoveroad fourth R. Galey fifth
Rev. S. S. Bergen sixth Dr. J. B.
Reed the present pastor.

When Dr. Reed took charge of
the church 21 years ago the church
building was a two-story brick struc-
ture which was condemned in 1897
and the present fine country church
with its large auditorium, Sunday
school rooms kitchen and parsony
room was built. It is one of the
best in the country with its large
grounds.

Twenty one years ago the preacher
lived in a house rented by the people
a mile from the church. In 1892 they
bought about eight acres of ground
and built a very beautiful parsonage
with other buildings that are needed
in the country with all the fencing
necessary and the deacons have just
completed putting in a complete hot
water system of heating, the parsonage
Dr. Reed also planted a small orchard
of which he is reaping the fruits.

The church has also purchased a
house and lot for the sexton who takes
charge of the buildings and grounds
to live in a few years ago Judge J
C. Work a son of the church pur-
chased 10 acres of ground adjoining
the old cemetery and gave the church
a free deed for the same. This has
been laid out in nice lots and shade
trees planted thereon.

During these latter years as the old
er members of the congregation have
been moving in town the church has
established a Memorial Fund of over
\$7,000. The interest of this goes to
help pay the pastor's yearly salary.
This money is mostly money willed to
the church by deceased members to
perpetuate their name in the church
and each is known by its individual
name. Of the elders 11 years ago
George Yeagler, Wm. Dimley, John
Johnson, John Wright and Jesse Og-
leve are dead. Only R. H. Smith and
T. Henry Smith are living.

Laurel Hill stands a cond on the
roll of honor of money contributed to
missions in Redstone, Presbyter. In
1890 being first. Dr. Reed says he
has always gone to Presbyter with a
clear report all money paid up.
During Dr. Reed's pastorate a great
many young men have gone out from
the church into other fields of labor
and by tracing them it is found that
they are making good in them now to
eations. In Uniontown two young
men are elders in Connellsille some
of them are at the forefront of the
work and in other cities they are
found in the work.

Dr. Reed commenced preaching in
Parkersburg, W. Va. in 1876 and was
there eight year. His first church had
50 members. Before he left it had
120.

From 1871 to 1882 he preached at
Sistersville and from 1882 to 1888 in
Fairmont. So he had been 25 years
in the harness before he came to
Laurel Hill. This makes 40 years in
the gospel ministry and he still seems
hale and hearty although he preaches
two sermons every Sabbath. Dr. Reed
was a classmate of Dr. Willardland
deacon of Uniontown and Dr. J. C.
Moloy of West Newton.

WHEAT CROP PROSPECTS

In Fayette County Don't Appear to Be
So Good

A larger acreage of wheat than in
many years was sown this year and
it is being watched with considerable
anxiety by the farmers of Fayette.
The corn crop last year was a failure
and the fields were turned into wheat
this year.

The good rains and the open wealth
er caused it to spring up quickly and
all over the country the wheat fields
are green. It is feared by the farmers
that a heavy rain followed by
freezing weather will destroy the
crops. What they are praying for is
good weather to protect it. The growth of the wheat
is far in advance of all other years.

Miss Parker Appointed
WAVESBURG Nov. 12—Judge
James Ingram has appointed Miss
Mervile Parker of Wavensburg Pro-
bation officer of the Juvenile Court of
Greene county.

Died of Measles
Following an illness of four days
Mrs. Jane Lemies of Thrush Norton
Greene county is dead of measles
aged 80 years.

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BACK IN JAIL.

Lew Strayer is Given Up By His
Bondsmen

UNIONTOWN, Nov. 13—Lew Strayer
was committed to jail last night
when two of his four bondsmen had
a bad fit and sued Strayer was re-
detained in Connellsille on his return
from Ohio by Chief of Police Rector
and was brought to Uniontown by
Deputy Sheriff Jesse Berg.

Strayer who is an insurance agent
was arrested in Ashland, Ohio, July
27 on the charges of forging the
names of G. P. Market and J. P. Conn
of Uniontown and S. A. Conn and the
of D. P. Morgan of Smithfield to
notes ranging from \$60 to \$1,000 on
the Smithfield National Bank.

Strayer admitted his guilt but sen-
tence was suspended on condition that
he raise the amount secured by the
forgery and return the money. He
promised to make good the losses and
fees related on a \$7,000 bond now ex-
isted by L. S. Melhiser, J. S. Briner
A. C. Cahan and Otto Haas.

He divarced in a fit and it
was thought that he would jump his
bond. When he could not be located
Fitz and Cahan used to tell the
police in custody and secured the
bail.

BREWERS PREPARE TO PUT UP BATTLE

Lawyers Will Argue Big Case Before
Attorney General at Harrisburg
Next Week

PITTSBURG Nov. 13—Represen-
tatives of 10 West Penn Pennsylvania
on being seriously injured yesterday
afternoon to outline a plan of
defense to the proceedings to be
held before Attorney General

Hampton Todd at Harrisburg, Novem-
ber 19. Some time ago the attorneys
general of 10 of the breweries
bold not under their claim in min-
ister to sue and give it 200 to sell
it and proceeds were started a
process to the breweries.

At the meeting the breweries met
to oppose the attorney general's
decision. Attorneys representing
them will appear before the attorney
general on the date set and make
the arguments. The brewers in instant
for a trial date to be responsible
for the losses. However the pres-
ent money is substantial and is
able enough for all to use. The total
gross income was \$1,211,17 and the
net \$1,17,336 a ratio of net profit to
gross of 7.68%. In 1908 the net
was \$1,17,336. The increase of last
year is accounted for by the large
in expenses.

HOSPITAL TRUSTEES HOLD A MEETING

Improvements Will Be Made in the
Bath Rooms in the Old
Buildings

The regular monthly meeting of the
Board of Trustees of the Carnegie
State hospital was held Thursday af-
ternoon in the hospital. Dr. I. B.
Ewing of Uniontown, James McSpad-
der of Rockwood, Colonel J. M. Reid
Drs. H. F. Atkinson and T. H. White
were the trustees present. The meet-
ing was devoted principally to regu-
lar routine business.

The condition of the bath room in
the old building was discussed and it
is decided to make the needed im-
provements. It has been about
years since the rooms have had any
great improvements made upon them.

NARROW ESCAPE FOR DAWSON WOMAN

Mrs. Charles Koontz Falls Through
Trap Door in Store at
McKeesport

Mrs. Charles Koontz of McKeesport
a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George
Moore of Dawson had a narrow escape
from being seriously injured Friday
afternoon when she fell through
a trap door in the Koontz Store. Her
back was slightly injured. It was
said in Dawson that her back was
broken.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore received word
to the effect that her injuries were
only slight and that she was able to
be about.

PHOTOGRAPHERS' MEETING

Convention of Fayette and Westmore-
land Picture Men in Uniontown

UNIONTOWN Nov. 12—The regu-
lar monthly meeting of the Fayette
and Westmoreland Photographers' As-
sociation was held in Uniontown yes-
terday. A business session was held
at O. C. Keough's gallery during the
morning and the party adjourned to
the Galaxie Hotel for dinner.

Each photographer brings with him
one of the best samples of his work
and there is a display and inspection
of pictures and a general interchange
of ideas for the good of the profession.
There are between 30 and 50 members
of the association.

ON SERIOUS CHARGE

Mt. Braddock Man Is Committee to
County Jail

DUNBAR Nov. 12—Herbert Nick-
low of Mt. Braddock has been com-
mitted to jail by Justice A. C. Col-
ton of Dunbar on a serious charge
made by Edward C. L. man aged 18
when she threatened suit. Nicklow
agreed to a compromise by promising to
pay him \$50 of which he did so.
Nicklow claims that he had not paid
the remainder of the amount he had
agreed to pay him.

Booming Tener

Friends of Congressmen John K.
Tener of Indiana are boozing him
for the Republican nomination
for Governor.

PITTSBURG BREWING SHOWING LAST YEAR

Gross Receipt For Twelve Months
Were \$5,324,176 Increase Over
Last Year

Cross receipts of the Pittsburgh
Brewing Company for the fiscal year
ending October 21, 1909 were \$5,324,176
an increase of \$251,471 or about 1.6%
owing to a decrease in sales from
\$1,266,012 in 1908 to \$1,200,100 in 1909
but the net earnings increased from
\$1,268,647 to \$1,317,416 or about 11%.
The company has increased its
stock of beer and is now in stock
of 1,000 barrels.

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LEW STRAYER GETS FIVE YEARS IN PEN.

Plea for Mercy Cut Short by Court and Sentence Passed.

SENTENCED ON ONE CHARGE

Other Two Will Be Held Over Him After His Term is Up to Insure Good Behavior—Trotter Water Company Verdict is Reduced

UNIONTOWN Nov 16—Lew Strayer convicted of forgery was sentenced this morning to five years in the penitentiary and had his impassioned plea for mercy cut short by the court. Strayer was explaining his troubles and how much mental agony he had suffered since committing the crime.

Your agitation is extreme, remarked Judge Umber, breaking his speech in half, but we see you cannot pro duce any tears.

Sentence was then passed. Attorney A. E. Jones spoke in Strayer's behalf stating that he was on the way to Smithfield to write a \$10,000.00 check when arrested in Connellsville. He further stated that L. S. Melingar, one of Strayer's bondsmen, was willing to reimburse those who lost through Strayer's note operations and would give the defendant employment. Sentence was passed on one of the three counts of the indictment, the other two being suspended for good behavior after the first term expires.

Thomas Clark of Uniontown was given 6 months in the workhouse for stealing eight chickens from J. M. Clark. Clark is a white man.

Harry Holiday was sent to Huntingdon after admitting two thefts at Mover on November 6. He is 23 years old.

A note was entered in behalf of Constable Adam Brown of Evanson who was arrested on a charge of arresting Cora Kosha without a warrant and making improper proposals to her. The plan to withdraw the information and the costs were settled.

Walter Weir Jr. son of Walter Weir of Uniontown was placed in charge of Attorneys D. M. Hertzog. The boy was charged with an offense and will be sent to Morgantown if he comes before the court again.

Annie J. Tets was given a divorce from her husband Walter M. Tets this morning. Infidelity was the charge.

Judgment for \$188—entered for J. H. O'Neil against Joseph Teets by Justice of the Peace William H. Hossler was reversed by the court for want of jurisdiction.

The petition for the dissolution of the Uniontown Engineering & Construction Company was filed and will be granted on December 14 if no objections are entered.

A motion for a new trial in the case of Blanche Recknow against the National Relief Assurance Company was overruled.

The court issued an order granting a new trial to the Trotter Water Company which was sued by Welsh Head and others unless the plaintiffs within 15 days file a paper returning all of the \$2,000 verdict against the company over and above \$700. The court believed the verdict excessive.

Arguments were made this morning in the equity suit of Ann C. Humber against the West Penn Manufacturing Company which seeks to restrain the defendant company from depriving her of free transportation and rice electric light under the terms of an agreement for the transference of certain property in South Connellsville.

In the case of Anna A. Henry C. Boyd C. and Martha C. Gollard minors the petition of the guardian, B. F. Gadiant asking for the approval of a sale of real estate in Powell, a rural township, the order was granted.

The petition of William F. Sonsson, guardian of John W. Hilda & Emma L. Adrienne R. Son, on asking for confirmation of a private sale of real estate, the court ratified the sale of the land of the guardian being \$2,000. The bond was filed.

A DRIVER HURT IN ELK LICK MINE

Harry Housel Caught Under Trap Has Leg Broken and is Injured Internally

MEYERSDALE Nov 17—Harry Housel aged about 22 was seriously injured in the Elk Lick mine of the Somerset Coal Company yesterday. He is employed as a driver and was run over by a carload of slate. The unfortunate young man was removed to the home of his brother in Uniontown, who resides on High Street, this place. Upon examination it was found that his leg was broken at the hip, besides other injuries and it is believed that the doctors that he is injured to the extent of ten months.

The young man is a son of A. O. Housel who resides at Deltown, this county and he also has a sister, Mrs. Frank Shumaker residing at this place.

Unknown Man Killed An unknown man was killed in Greensburg tunnel last night.

BURNWORTH WILL.

Estate in Henry Clay Township Dis posed of.

The wife of the late Ezra Burnworth of Henry Clay township was left for probate Saturday after providing for his burial in the burial ground at Johnson where his wife Annabelle is buried. The wife and son of all the personal property so long as the remains of a widow interest in certain farm implements upon the farm held by his two sons as mentioned in the will. The wife during her life time so long as she remains a widow is bequeathed the income on all her interests and is given full control of the farm known as the homestead.

Upon the death or marriage of the widow, her testator acts but there is a division of possible of the real estate among the right heirs but it such cannot be made satisfactorily he deems the same sold together with the personal property and a collection in all money due the estate and to pay first to Marceline S. H. 67 to Orville \$ which is owing them without interest for labor and material. The balance is to be equally divided between the sons and daughters, Marceline Orville, Alice or Norman R. Chelsen, William A. Hurley P. and Jonathan. The testator asks that his illegitimate sister be given a home and provided for by the widow and the heirs. In the event of the two daughters, Alice and Chelsen being married and should they at any time be in need of assistance it is the request of the testator that the widow or those of the children be left to the widow or the children. He and Samuel were arrested by Constable H. F. Mills.

At hearing before Justice of the Peace M. Miller at Jones Mills the brothers were held for court on charge of murder preferred by Alice S. H. father of the dead boy. Lloyd is in such a serious condition that he could not be taken to the county jail at Greensburg.

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FEUD IN MOUNTAIN ENDS IN A MURDER.

Gay Snyder Killed and Lloyd Pile Stabbed Near Donegal.

RESULT OF OLD FAMILY QUARREL

Boys Met on Public Road and Started Fight Which Ended in Tragedy Young Man Who Did Shooting Claims He Acted in Self Defense.

Special to the Courier

DONEGAL, Nov 16—Gay Snyder aged 20 was killed and Lloyd Pile aged 17, who both stabbed in a fatal fight which occurred on a public road near here last evening. One was killed by Samuel Pile, brother of Lloyd Pile, it is claimed.

Snyder encountered Pile and his brother Samuel Pile on a road to

Marcelline Mills and Horace Mills, Chestnut Ridge, and it is stated

Snyder said to have it was a knife

he struck Pile in the head

Snyder was taken to a hospital

and died a few hours later.

Samuel Pile was admitted to

the hospital and is in a

dangerous condition.

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DIVORCE ADVISED AFTER STRUGGLE.

F. P. Cotton, as Master, Rec-
ommends Decree in Stick-
el Dispute.

RESPONDENT RESISTED ACTION

Claimed No Decree Could Be Made
While Respondent Was Yet Under
Sentence for Desertion—Other News
of the Courts.

UNIONTOWN, Nov 10.—Attorneys F. P. Cotton, as master in the divorce case of John P. Stickel against Molle, about 35 years, died suddenly Wednesday morning at her late home and brought to a focus a case which has attracted more than usual interest because of the points of law involved.

Mrs. Stickel, through her attorneys A. E. Jones and H. E. Leonard, contended that no decree could be granted or even an action entertained, while the plaintiff is still under sentence of the court for desertion and non support, and is in arrears in his payment. As this sentence was passed with regard to the children's support, and not that of the wife, the master contends that the decree can be granted.

The two were married about eight years ago, but lived apart most of the time. Stickel would not settle down and his wife remained at home. He refused to make his home with her people. Finally an action for desertion and non support resulted in a conviction, but before Judge Huppert had passed sentence, Mrs. Stickel declared she would not live with her husband again. Judge Huppert then announced that a conviction under such circumstances would not be entertained by the court. He directed Stickel to make monthly payments towards the support of the children but not the wife.

Later Stickel applied for a divorce and the legal battle began. Since taking the case Attorney Cotton, as master, has heard a large amount of testimony and finally concluded a divorce should be granted. The papers are now before the court.

Mary Hammarus has entered suit against Mark Cape to recover \$2,000 for slander. The parties live at York Run and the defendant is alleged to have made scurrilous remarks about the plaintiff.

County Detective Alex McBeth appeared before Squire John Boyle this morning and made information against Ben Gurman, charging murder. No time has been set for a hearing. It is generally believed that no conviction can be secured as evidence in the case is lacking. No witnesses have yet been located by the Commonwealth and in Gurman's confession that he killed another foreigner at La Bella he contends that his victim drew a gun first.

DIVORCE RECOMMENDED IN THE COSTEN CASE

Couple Lived in Connellsville—Wife
Was Deserted While in a Pitts-
burg Hospital

UNIONTOWN Nov 12.—The master has recommended a divorce for Leontina Costen against H. R. Costen, an action that has been pending for some weeks past. Desertion is charged by the plaintiff.

The defendant, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ney Kelpatriarch of Connellsville, was married to Costen January 1, 1906. They lived in Connellsville Homestead and Pittsburgh. On May 14, 1906 Mrs. Costen was taken to a hospital in Pittsburgh and while there her husband came to her and said he was going to leave, never to return. He hasn't come back, so the master recommends that the divorce be granted.

CRIMINAL COURT IN WESTMORELAND COUNTY

Cases Up For Trial Before Judges
Doyt and McConnell—Verdicts
Returned.

GREENSBURG Nov 11.—The land case that was before Judge McConnell's court Wednesday afternoon was one wherein Mrs. Hannah Hard of North Irwin, had Elmer Holder, a lawyer placed on trial for the rape on her daughter Louise Hard. The first witness on the stand was Louise who had told on Sunday night May 9, while returning from the Reformed Church in Irwin, she was met by Elmer Holder and Carl Hurst and Elmer committed the crime near their parents' home in North Irwin. On cross examination she became taunted and admitted doing many things which were wrong. Her mother testified that when her daughter came home that night she gave her a good beating. A host of witnesses sat on him and the case was on trial when court closed at 4 o'clock.

At 4 o'clock the jury in the Cha Heaver Paul Lanes case from East Greensburg returned a verdict of guilty. There are three charges in the bill of indictment namely, statutory rape, adultery and bastardy. The prisoner was brought into court and given a seat in the prisoner's dock.

The last case that was started before Judge Doty, Wednesday evening was the one wherein Richard Pender was John Craig on trial charged with felonious cutting. Some very damaging testimony was given against the defendant.

The case quite prominent in Judge Doty's court was the Fritz Swartz case from Derry. In a Fultz case that was on trial Friday night September 10, 1909 between the hours of 10 am and 1 o'clock, Ernst Swartz a male, injured his stable consuming six tons of hay, chickens, one horse, one cow and other things. Charles Isaac Gray was a start witness who testified that the defendant told him that he would burn Fritz's store and house. The guy returned a verdict of guilty.

In the case wherein John Glunt was charged by Ralph E. Miller of Adamsburg, with violating the laws, the defendant pleaded guilty and was fined \$5 and costs. The same fine and costs were taxed up in another case wherein E. J. Gangawane was prosecutor.

The W. B. Brownfield vs. Cross case was finished by the jury finding the defendant guilty of forgery. The prisoner was not present when the verdict was announced.

Sentences were suspended upon payment of costs in the breaking and entering case wherein Thomas Dulehanty and on trial Russell Bowles, John Jones, Clark Little and Allison Grimes. It was stated that they entered a box car and stole a suit of clothes two razors, two revolvers and a watch case.

Michael Furth had Walswiley Cu

lakoski indicted for felonious shooting. The defendant was absent and the bonismen had to make good.

In the case in which G. F. McGregor of Aliensburg, had Paul Rubin and Mike Tull on trial for violating the mining laws each was fined \$10 and costs.

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THE GAS QUESTION IN WEST VIRGINIA.

Gov. W. E. Glasscock En-
deavors to Learn Senti-
ment of State.

TAX INCREASE IS CONSIDERED

The Legislature May Be Called in
Special Session to Act in the Mat-
ter After the First of the Year.
Discussion is Lively.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Nov. 17.—At the recent meeting of the State Board of Trade, held at Huntington, this State, Gov. William E. Glasscock delivered an address on the "Development and Conservation of the State's Natural Resources." The address was purely statistical, without comment or suggestion. The gathering of this information requires several months labor, and, without reflecting upon the genuineness of the starting figures disclosed, it is not detracting from the effort to say that in many instances the figures would be changed if it were possible to get the correct data.

To do this, however, and have it constantly available, would require the establishment of a new department under the control of the governor or some State department. At present the nearest the State has to such a branch is the tax department, now under the supervision of T. C. Townsend, Tax Commissioner, but even this department constantly finds that it is impossible to learn whether the figures furnished by the public service corporations of the State are correct.

In the matter of the amount of gas produced in the State, it is entirely optional with the gas companies whether they make a correct report or a report at all.

Up to the present the best information that has been gathered has come from the State Geologist—Dr. I. C. White of Morgantown—but the gas companies have always contended that the doctor has not been correct in his figures, especially in reference to the amount of gas that daily goes to waste through lack of laws requiring the taking care of small wastes.

The last three governors—A. B. White, William M. O. Dawson and William E. Glasscock, the present executive—have taken the position that gas is not, and has not been, paying its proportionate share of taxes to the State, and that, while West Virginia is one of the greatest gas producing States in the union, West Virginia, as a State, is getting, and has been getting, little or no benefit from it. Statistics gathered shows that it requires little expense to produce gas when once discovered. For the year 1902 but 221 salaried officials, clerks, managers, surveyors, etc., were employed in West Virginia and the total wage earners were but 932, while the value of the gas, sold at the wells, was about \$5,500,000. In 1897 the total number of men employed was about 2,500 and the value of the gas at the wells about \$15,000,000.

Gas is little used in this State. In 1907 less than 20 per cent of the gas sold was consumed within its borders, 77 per cent being piped outside. On this West Virginia did not receive 1 cent, except on the valuation of the pipe lines that carried the gas away. The amount of gas, as well as the percentage piped out of the State, has been increasing every year but one since 1897, when but 11 per cent was consumed outside the State.

The gas matter has had more to do with creating a sentiment for an extra session of the Legislature the coming winter than all other things combined, and, if a session is called by Gov. Glasscock, the taxing of gas will be the real reason.

That the governor is endeavoring to learn what the people of the State want may be gathered from the fact that the speeches delivered by him and State Geologist White at Huntington are being sent to all the members of the Legislature and representative citizens throughout the State.

It is understood the members of the Legislature, as well as the citizens, especially farmers, will be asked to express their opinion on the matter and whether, as taxpayers, the State ought to require this industry to pay more, and then whether a special session should be called to pass upon the question.

MORE COAL BOUGHT.

J. V. Thompson Adds to His Holdings in Monongalia County.

MORGANTOWN, Nov. 17.—Three deeds were filed in the office of the County Clerk Monday by which J. V. Thompson, the Pennsylvania coal operator, acquires Monongalia coal lands at a cost of \$55,355.00. The largest deed, for \$29,160, is for the coal land on the waters of Dunkard creek in Clay district belonging to W. W. Keener and wife.

The second deed for \$22,877.00 is for coal lands in Clay district which are conveyed to the purchaser by W. W. Keener and wife and J. L. Hatfield. The third and smallest is for \$6,318, and is for the coal land upon the water of Day's run in Clay district, formerly owned by Edward G. Douley and wife and John L. Hatfield.

All three of the deeds bear date of November 4, 1908, and constitute for one of Monongalia county's greatest coal deals.

COAL AND BRIQUETS.

Tests by United States Geological Survey.

The results of "Comparative tests of run-of-mine and briquetted coal" on the torpedo boat "Bible" have just been published by the United States Geological Survey as Bulletin No. 405, by Walter T. Ray and Henry Krausser. The main object of these tests was to determine whether briquetted coal can be used on torpedo boats with advantage over run-of-mine coal. The tests were compared not only with respect to economy but as regards the tendency to smoke, the amount of sparks emitted from the stack, the rate at which steam can be made, the ease with which the fires are handled, and the ease of transferring fuel from the coal bunkers to the fireroom.

The coal used in the tests came from four different mines in the New River coal field, in West Virginia. The briquettes made from these coals were of two sizes; the larger were rectangular $6\frac{1}{2}$ by $4\frac{1}{4}$ by 3 inches; the smaller were circular in cross section $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter, $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches thick in the center, and $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches thick at the circumference. The binder used was 6 per cent of water-gas pitch.

The bulletin contains a detailed description of the tests, with complete tabulated results of observations and diagrams showing graphically the relations between the various factors in coal consumption. Although the deductions and conclusions of the authors must be regarded as applicable only to the particular conditions—that is, to the tests of New River run-of-mine coals when burned under a boiler of the Normand type on vessels of the torpedo boat class—yet much of the content is suggestive and useful to operators of steam plants in general.

The tests showed that there is little or no gain in efficiency in burning briquettes of either size as compared with coal, but that a somewhat higher boiler capacity can be obtained more quickly with briquettes than with run-of-mine coal.

Both large and small briquettes make at least as much smoke as run-of-mine coal, and there seems to be more fuming in the stack with the briquettes than with the coal. The amount of sparks is about the same with both forms of fuel.

NEW RATING GRANTED FOR COKE COMPANIES

Plants on the Elwell Branch Get Concessions Through Special Agent Trueblade.

Through the efforts of F. P. Trueblade, special agent of the Pennsylvania railroad, three coal and coke companies with plants located on the Elwell branch will receive the benefit of the Pittsburgh rating, which means a reduction of 18 per cent on coke rating to Western and Canadian points. The new order is effective November 29 and includes the plants of Kain & Wilkey, the Washington Coal & Coke Company and the Richard Coal & Coke Company, located at Star Junction. For some unexplainable reason these plants were not included in the Connellsville region which takes the Pittsburgh rate. For years there has been difficulty over the matter and the companies have lost considerable Western business. They have been compelled to ship under the arbitrary rate and have been constantly fighting about it. It was taken up with Mr. Trueblade and after much contention the Western rate was decided upon. The companies are now contending for the Eastern rating on the same basis as other rates from the Connellsville region.

A BIG PLANT FOR THE VALLEY TOWNS

State Health Commissioner Suggests That Four Boroughs Erect Joint Sewage Disposal Plant.

CHARLEROI, Nov. 17.—Samuel G. Dixon, State Health Commissioner, has called attention to the health authorities of the need of the various towns to prepare for the erection of sewage disposal plants, and in notifying the health authorities along this valley, makes a suggestion that Bellevue, Charleroi, Donora and Monessen, erect a joint disposal plant. What action will be taken is not known.

In many places improvements in sewer connections will have to be made but not in Charleroi, where the sewer system is one of the most complete in the State.

TAKES NEW POSITION.

John Harper of Everson Gees With Connellsville Iron Works.

John Harper of Everson has accepted a position with the Connellsville Iron Works as a machinist and machined work at their shop on the West Side. November 1st. Harper is generally conceded to be second to none in his line, which is very extensive. He is well known throughout the coke region on account of his accomplishments in case of breakdowns in pumps and machinery.

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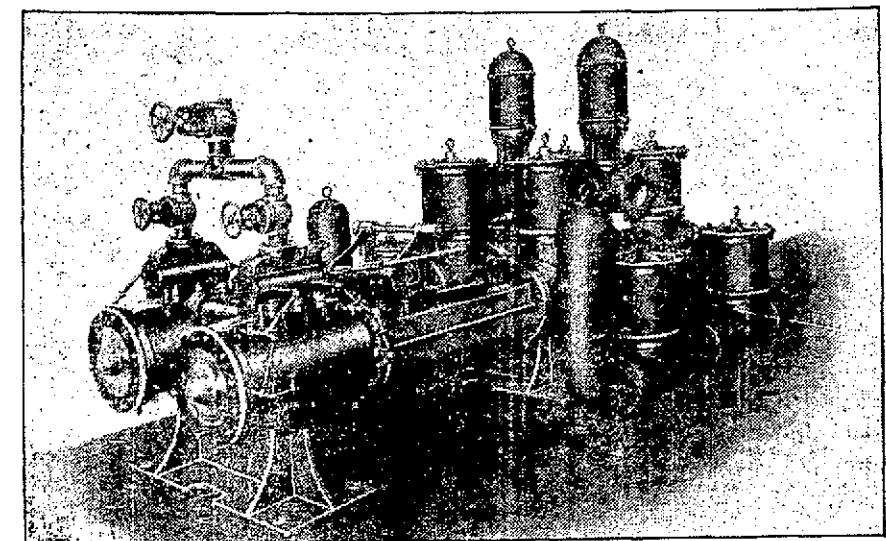
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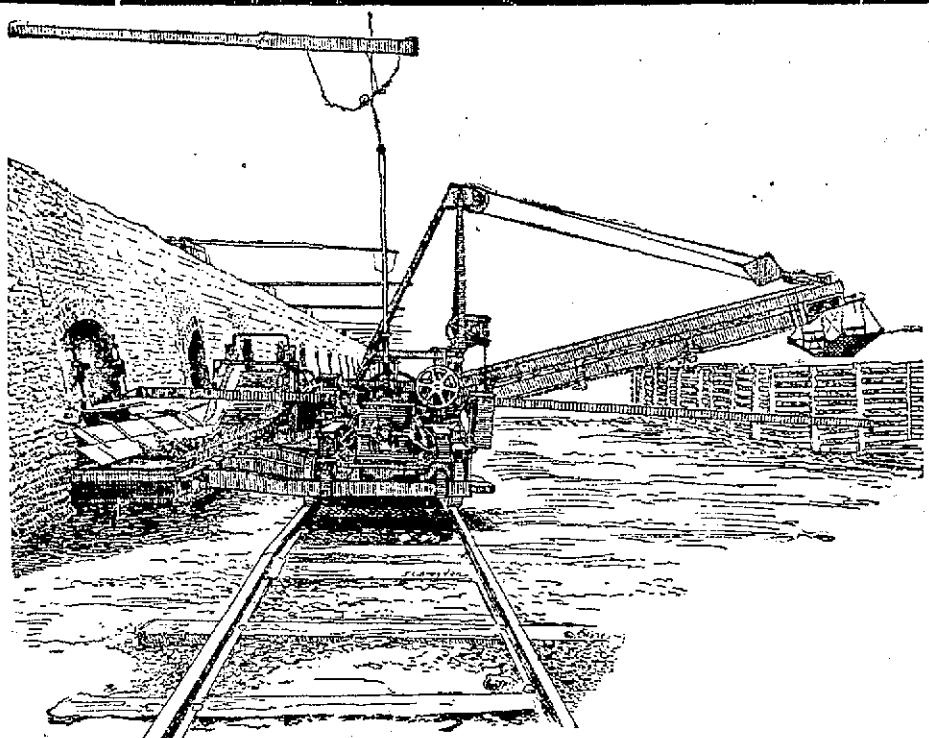
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